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Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources

**SUBJECT: HB 2881, RELATING TO GREENWAYS.
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND OCEAN
RESOURCES**

Friday, February 10, 2012

9:45 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources:

My name is Vincent Shigekuni, and I am a Vice President with PBR Hawaii & Associates, Inc., a 40+ year old private planning firm, with offices in Hilo, Kapolei and Honolulu. We want express our support for HB 2881, because as noted through the State Office of Planning's thorough research presented in its report, "Establishment of a Statewide Greenways System for Hawaii" there are many projects that are already planned and underway that would be supportive of establishing a greenways system in Hawaii, but further coordination is needed. We do want to ensure that HB 2881 includes adequate funding, not only for Statewide Greenways and Trails Facilitator but also for a consultant to develop a statewide greenways plan. Where we may differ from the Office of Planning is increasing the amount of funding for such a plan to \$250,000 to ensure better community and stakeholder involvement on each island.

Establishing a "lei of green" around Oahu has been periodically mentioned over the years and is a strong vision for every island that wants one. It enhances public access to open spaces and it facilitates greater health among our residents. A great example of a private initiative is the Laie Community Association's construction of a separated bike and pedestrian path between Laie and Kahuku. It has made it much easier for older students from Laie to attend Kahuku Intermediate and High School without relying on cars or buses for transportation. It has also provided a safe route for parents for exercise and created greater connectivity between these two communities.

Mahalo for allowing me to offer these comments.

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Comments:
Let's support HB1405; this bill will do that.

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Educational & Cultural Programs*

COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES

Rep. Jerry L. Chang, Chair

Rep. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair

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HB 2881 - RELATING TO GREENWAYS

Strongly support with

My name is Shannon Wood, the president & cofounder of the *Windward Ahupua'a Alliance*, a 501c3 Hawai'i non-profit corporation, which was established in July, 2002, to create the Ko'olau Greenbelt & Heritage Trails System in order to restore, protect & provide public access to the *mauka* (mountain) lands on the Windward side of O'ahu along the base of *Na Ko'olau* as well as to support locally-owned sustainable economic activities in the more developed areas.

Although I first came to the *Legislature* as an individual in 1998 to get support for the greenbelt concept, I reluctantly put the issue away in 2005 as *WAA* moved on to educate & inform residents, visitors, businesses, policymakers at all levels of government, and the media about using SMART GROWTH principles which promote sustainability. In addition to planning how & where we will live, work & play. *WAA* also advocates on matters as diverse as developing new waste management programs; setting long-term watershed protection policies based upon *ahupua'a concepts*; creating locally-owned "green" economic development opportunities; supporting renewable energy standards to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions; mitigating the impacts of global warming & rising sea levels around the world by working on public policy changes at all three levels of government; and launching its PLANT A NATIVE TREE Campaign in December 2009.

WAA believes that the position described in this bill should be placed in the *Department of Land and Natural Resources* rather than in the Office of Planning; however, we are open to the proposed amendment to return the decision to the stakeholders to discuss and make recommendations as to the appropriate location for the facilitator position.

Mahalo for bringing the greenbelt concept up for discussion.

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